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### **Courthouse SPOs Change Their Look**

#### *Officers Implement the Wear of New Uniforms*

**FREDERICK, Md. (April 27, 2021)** – The role of the nearly 20 Frederick County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) Special Police Officers (SPO) is to ensure the safety and security of the ongoing operations at the Frederick County Courthouse. Recently these officers went through a new look by updating their duty uniforms.

"Much like the recent change in the FCSO deputies' uniforms, this new uniform is more practical, comfortable, and easier to maintain," said Lt. John Benner, FCSO Judicial Services commander. "As SPOs are limited to only one style of uniform, regulated by state policy, this new uniform provides an option that is suitable for work and training."

The new uniform consists of a midnight blue polo shirt with khaki pants and black boots and replaces the traditional looking uniform.

According to Benner, the cost savings in the new uniform and the savings in not dry-cleaning the new uniforms made this a smart decision. He said the cost to outfit the SPOs in the new uniform was approximately half of what it would have cost to catch them up on all of the replacement items needed in the old style uniforms.

SPOs work daily in the Frederick County Courthouse, which contains the Circuit and District Courts, Clerks Offices, and several other independent and state agencies. The FCSO SPOs are responsible for security in the courthouse, including maintaining safe conditions and controlling conflict, screening visitors coming in, overseeing prisoners brought for court, providing security in Circuit Courtrooms, and handling operations in emergencies such as evacuations.

*The Frederick County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) is a full-service law enforcement agency; an arm of the court, and a keeper of offenders. In this regard, it exists to serve the more than 250,000 citizens of Frederick County with respect, fairness, and compassion. FCSO is committed to the prevention of crime; the protection of life and property; the preservation of peace and order; the enforcement of laws and ordinances; the safeguarding of constitutional guarantees; and safekeeping of prisoners. The men, women, and officers of this office nurture public trust by holding themselves to the highest standards of performance and ethics. The FCSO is located at 110 Airport Drive East, Frederick, MD, 21701. Visit [www.frederickcosherriff.com](http://www.frederickcosherriff.com) for more information.*

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